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## STULTIFIED PATRIOTISM.

In many cities East, West, North, South, meetings are being held public demonstrations made and even young women are being pressed into service to entice the men to join the army. Hugh signs, moving pictures and every imaginable device is being used, not only in the cities, but in the rural districts and country towns to stir men to a full realization that "Your Country Needs You." On the street corners, in public places, in private places, the constant sign is before one's eyes, *Men Wanted* for the army, for the Navy, for the Marine Corps.

The constant plea for men is enough to stir the most indifferent to the height of patriotism. These appealing entreaties make the Negro forget the injustices that are heaped upon him in this country. It makes him feel that the only country that he knows anything about is in *danger* and needs his aid. The picture of the sign, *Men Wanted* is constantly before him. He makes up his mind that he will answer the call. Full of enthusiasm and patriotism he presents himself to the nearest recruiting office for enlistment, only to be met with the reply, "No Colored Wanted." As he stands there a few minutes, he sees the officer in charge begging men and mere boys who happened to be white to come and join. He hears him tell them of the opportunities for travel and education; hears him tell them of meritorious service and promotion; hears this officer tell of compensation offered by the government and civilians to those who enlist now. All of this is done before his eyes. Then we see him turn his face in the direction from whence he came, with his enthusiasm turned into coolness and his patriotism stultified.

The conscription bill does not mean the colored man, because he has always been ready when given a chance as volunteer. It is well known that he is no "slacker," but is always ready to do his "bit" in defense of his country. Why should the government at this time, when the enemies are without and within suffer, a class of its most loyal citizens to be further humiliated?

Those signs should state class or the color of men, or the word men should be clearly defined. The Negroes of this country at a time like this want to feel as other men. They are gathering in their churches and in places of assemblages and pledging their loyalty, working up enthusiasm and patriotism. But what will happen when he wants to prove his loyalty? He is told that he is not wanted. This condition is not right, it is not just. "The mills of God grind slowly, but exceedingly fine."

## THE GERMAN SUBTERFUGE.

Recently the Southern Press has been loud in its attack on the German "spies" whom it is claimed are invading every rural district in the South spreading disloyal propaganda among Negroes. The Negroes throughout the country who know something of the various methods used by the white man of the South to create public sentiment against the Negro, looked upon the "German Agent" agitation with suspicions. Every one well acquainted with conditions in the South could see that there were ulterior motives in this accusation. The real motive was to "strike the Negro and hide their hands behind the German plot."

## Murder Behind the Plot.

The best informed foresaw that murder and intimidation would follow. This fact is borne out by recent attacks on Negroes in Arkansas. It is reported that Negroes are not allowed to meet in their lodge rooms. Officers are raiding their meetings, taking their records and books. In some instances Negroes have been fired upon.

Public Whipping Posts have been instituted in some sections and a Negro girl, Ollie Lumsey, was tied to one post, the men and boys of the town publicly whipping her. One reporter says that the blood ran down her back to the street. A Negro youth, Chester Dunn was shot and killed while fleeing the mob. Two other Negroes were shot, and several have been driven from their homes. This is the real reason for all of this talk of German Negro plot. It is high time for the white men of the South to wake up and come to the full realization that they "cannot fool all the people all the time."



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## Coming Monday Night, May 7

day school at 11:30 a. m. There will be a special thank offering taken for the work in the flow of pastor Stevens' thirty years in the gospel ministry. Every member is expected to be on Sunday to hear the first note of the great Spring financial campaign.

## THE GREAT BIBLE INSTITUTE AT THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Dr. N. L. Smith, the noted Bible scholar and instructor, will conduct a Bible institute at Central Baptist from May 9 to May 16. There will be two sessions a day at 8:30 p. m. and 7:45 p. m. Christians of all churches are invited to come with Bible, paper and pencil. All Sunday school teachers and workers, all mission workers, all who are interested in the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., all who are aspiring to the gospel ministry, all these are urged to come to this institute. Dr. Vass has a nation-wide name not only as a Bible teacher, but he is also a most inspiring preacher. Each night his instructions will be in the form of a sermon-lecture on the Scriptures. The Bible will be a new book and have a new charm for all who attend these studies. All are welcome. The Central Baptist Church is on the corner of Ewing and Washington Avenues.

## SUNDAY SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, Holy Communion will be administered by Rev. S. E. Arthur, who was the preacher last Sunday at 11 o'clock. At 11 o'clock there will be morning prayer with sermon, and at 8 p. m. evening prayer. All are invited to attend these services.

## LAME TABERNACLE C. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Dr. N. L. Smith, pastor, has returned after spending several days in Jackson, Tenn., attending the General Board of the C. M. E. Church. He will fill the pulpit Sunday. Rev. J. A. Winters, of Chicago, Ill., former pastor, will preach Sunday afternoon.

The lady is near at hand, let every captain and member strive to do their best in this effort.

All are invited. Strangers are always welcome. Dr. J. W. Gilbert, of Augusta, Ga., en route to General Board, spent Saturday and Sunday with Dr. Smith. Sunday evening he preached a great sermon. The pastor was at himself and away the vast audience with his usual eloquence.

## METROPOLITAN NOTES

The beginning of the first week's festivities at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church is meeting with splendid success. Every night has proven a rare treat. Monday night, May 7, is scheduled as the big overflow night, as Miss Jennette Brown, of Chicago, will appear there.

Last Sunday was another record breaker. Rev. Dr. B. G. Shaw, delivered one of those great sensational sermons that swept sixteen new members into the church during the day. Between seventy-five and one hundred young men went to the altar for prayer. The pastor will close his series of sermons on The Second Advent of Jesus Christ, Sunday, May 8. Special music every Sunday by the choir.

The Sunday school is straining every nerve to enroll one hundred new students Sunday.

The coming of the Mandolin and Glee Clubs of Lincoln Institute was a great treat. To say the least it was wonderful. Come again!

## ST. PAUL A. M. E. CHURCH

Sunday, April 29, was a day long to be remembered by the vast congregation who worshipped at St. Paul at both the morning and evening services. Dr. Johnson selected for his discourse "Freedom and Peace" in the morning, which was full of spiritual power. Come and hear him and be convinced. A special invitation to strangers.

The thirty-four class leaders responded to the \$5.00 roll call Sunday morning as did the faithful stewards and trustees. The classes and auxiliaries reported in the afternoon and Sunday at the close of class Tuesday night \$1,203.33 was reported and a few reports are still to come. The assessment was \$1,450. Bro. S. R. Stanley, leader of the class, responded with the blue ribbon by reporting \$100.00 for his class. Bishop Parks was with us as a short while Tuesday night.

## A. C. E. League

You are invited to our services each Sunday at 6:30 p. m. Special invitation to all members of the church. Sunday, May 6, "Love," 1 Cor. 13:1-13.

A very pleasant executive board meeting Wednesday night and most royal entertainment by our pastor and wife.

Junior League, Sunday, 5 to 6 p. m. Children especially invited and welcome.

Seventeen years of honest, upright business has won for me many customers and friends. Dr. William Knight, the Jeweler, 2335 Market St.

All St. Louis is going on first Monday night excursion of the season on Monday evening, May 14. Jessie J. Johnson, master of ceremonies.

## Mrs. Curtinold Dies At Boley, Ok.

Boley, Oklahoma, where she went with Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Haines, eight years ago. Mrs. Curtinold was 79 years old, and while residing in St. Louis was a well known member of St. Paul's Chapel.

She died at the home of Mr. Dennis Haines, after a lingering illness of one year, of rheumatism of the stomach. She made many friends in Boley, and was held in such high esteem that all business houses closed their doors on the day of her funeral, and the people turned out en masse to attend the funeral, which was conducted at the A. M. E. Church, by four of the leading ministers of the town.

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